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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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- **Threat of strong to severe thunderstorms across portions of TX/OK today through Sunday.**
- **Threat of isolated heavy rainfall and flash flooding today through Friday and again on Sunday across parts of TX/OK/AR.**
- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions expected over portions of NM and W TX today through Saturday.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

May 20, 2020 - May 24, 2020



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DAY / THREAT	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Severe Storms	TX Panhandle W TX	NW OK TX/OK Panhandles	NTX/OK/W AR	TX Panhandle W TX/OK	TX Panhandle W TX/OK
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	TX	N OK OK/NE TX Panhandle	E OK/W AR TX		NW TX/OK
Fire Weather	NM/W TX	NM/W TX	NM	NM	
Tropical Weather					
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	MS River	MS River	MS River	MS River, AR, LA	MS River, AR, LA
	TX, AR, LA	AR, LA	AR, LA		

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf



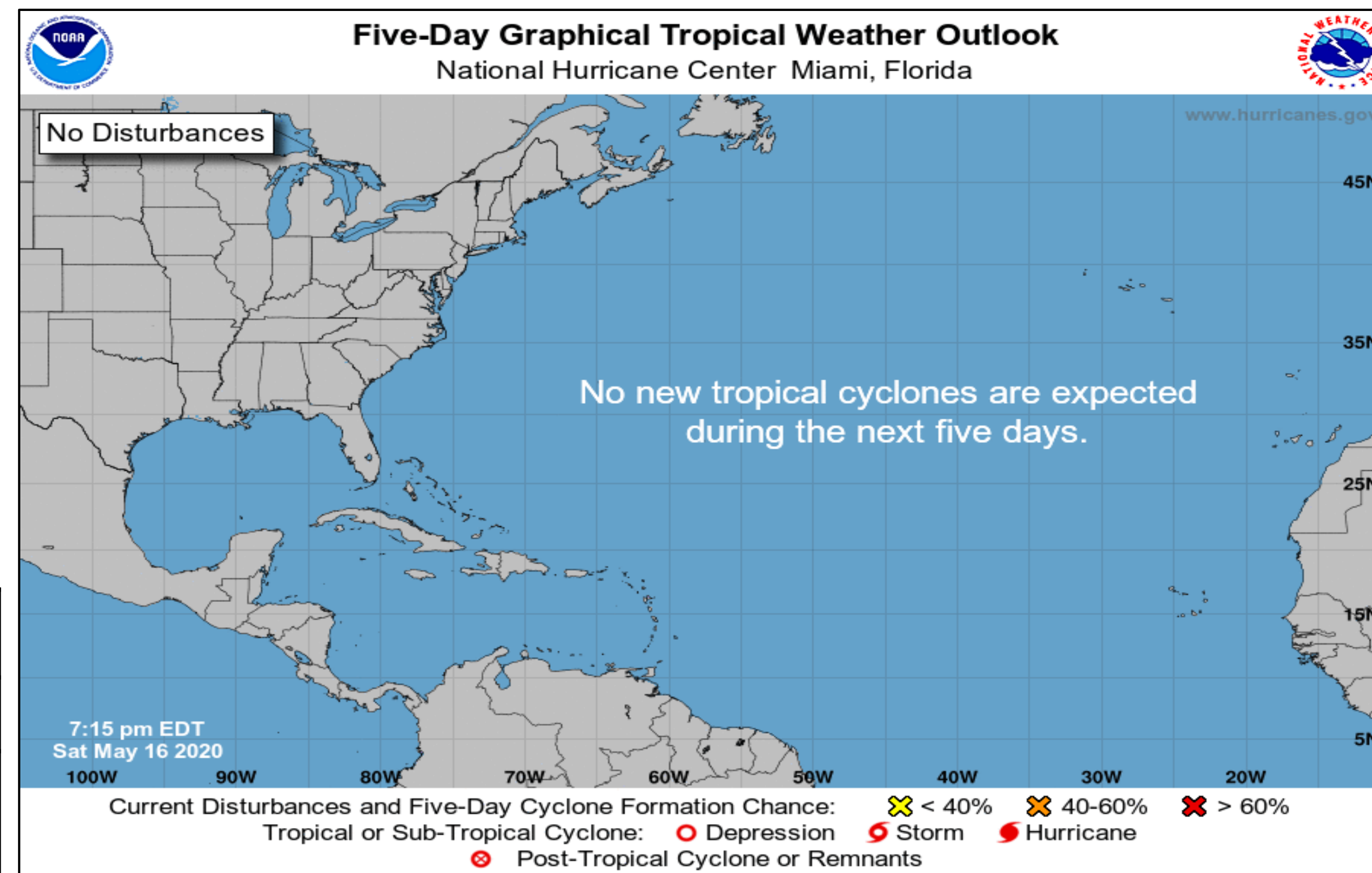
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Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
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Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
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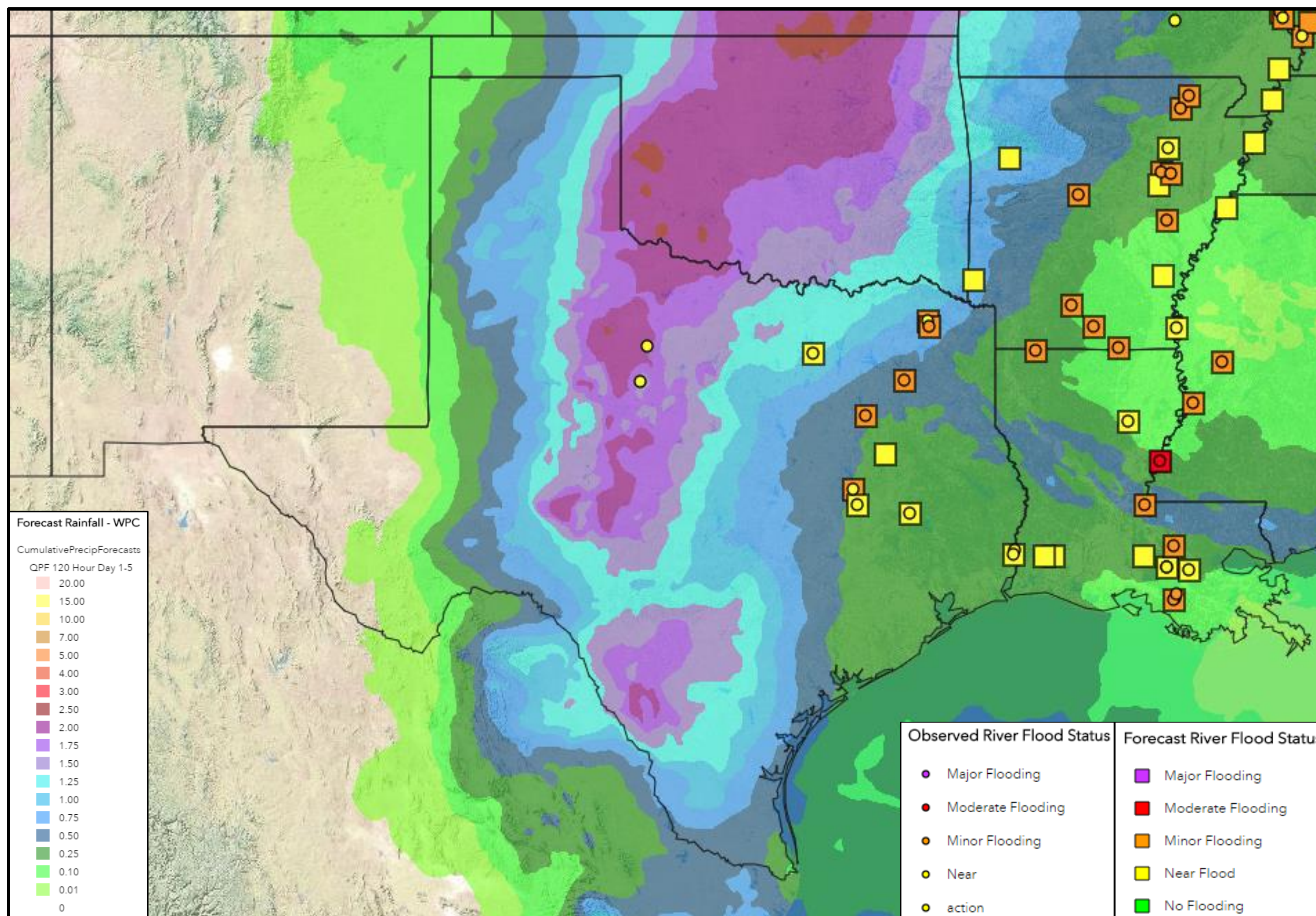


5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Points on the MS River in SE LA should fall below moderate flood stage by the end of this week.

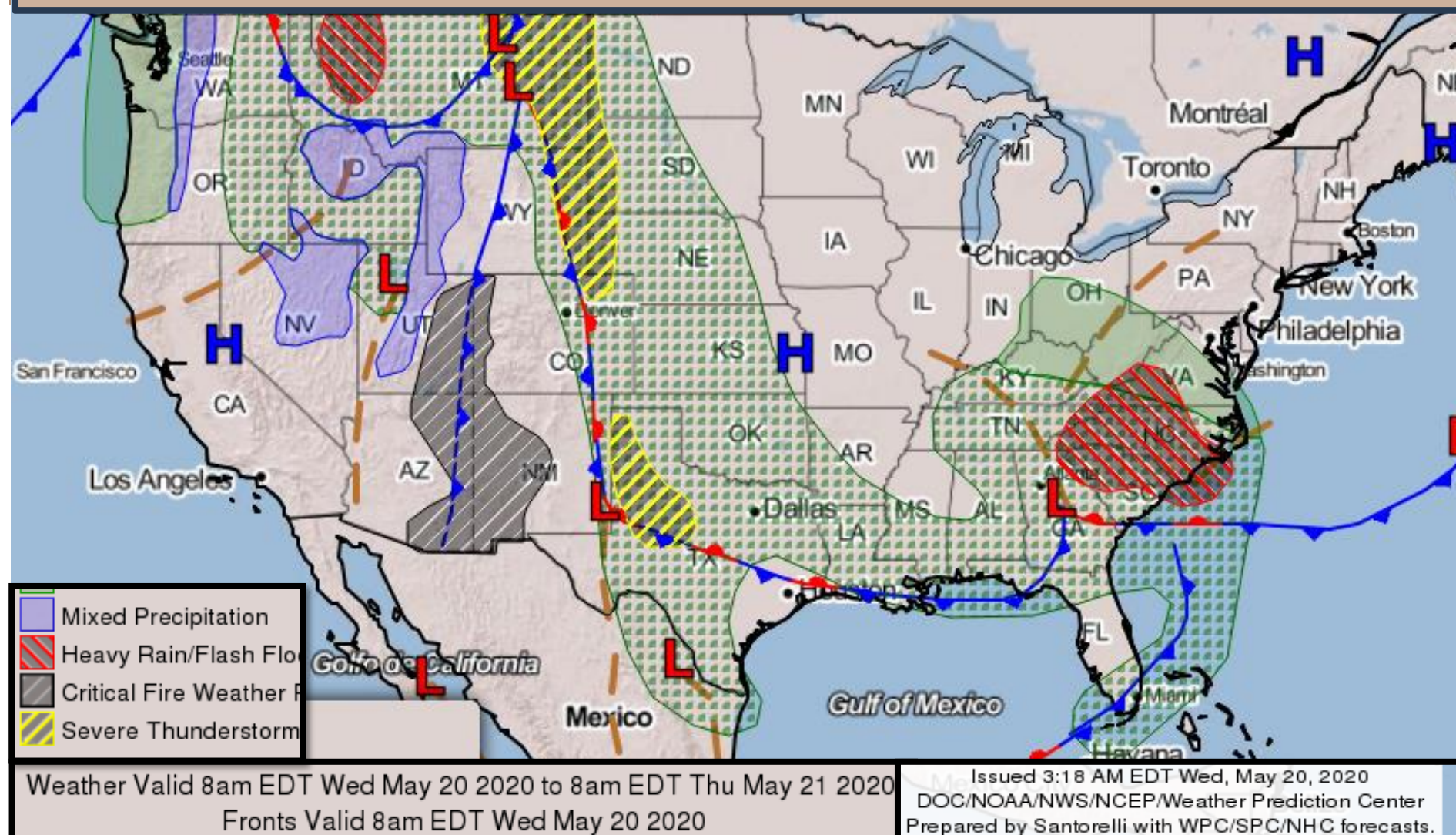
Minor flooding continues in TX, LA & AR. Impacts are mostly to agriculture and secondary roads.

Today's Weather

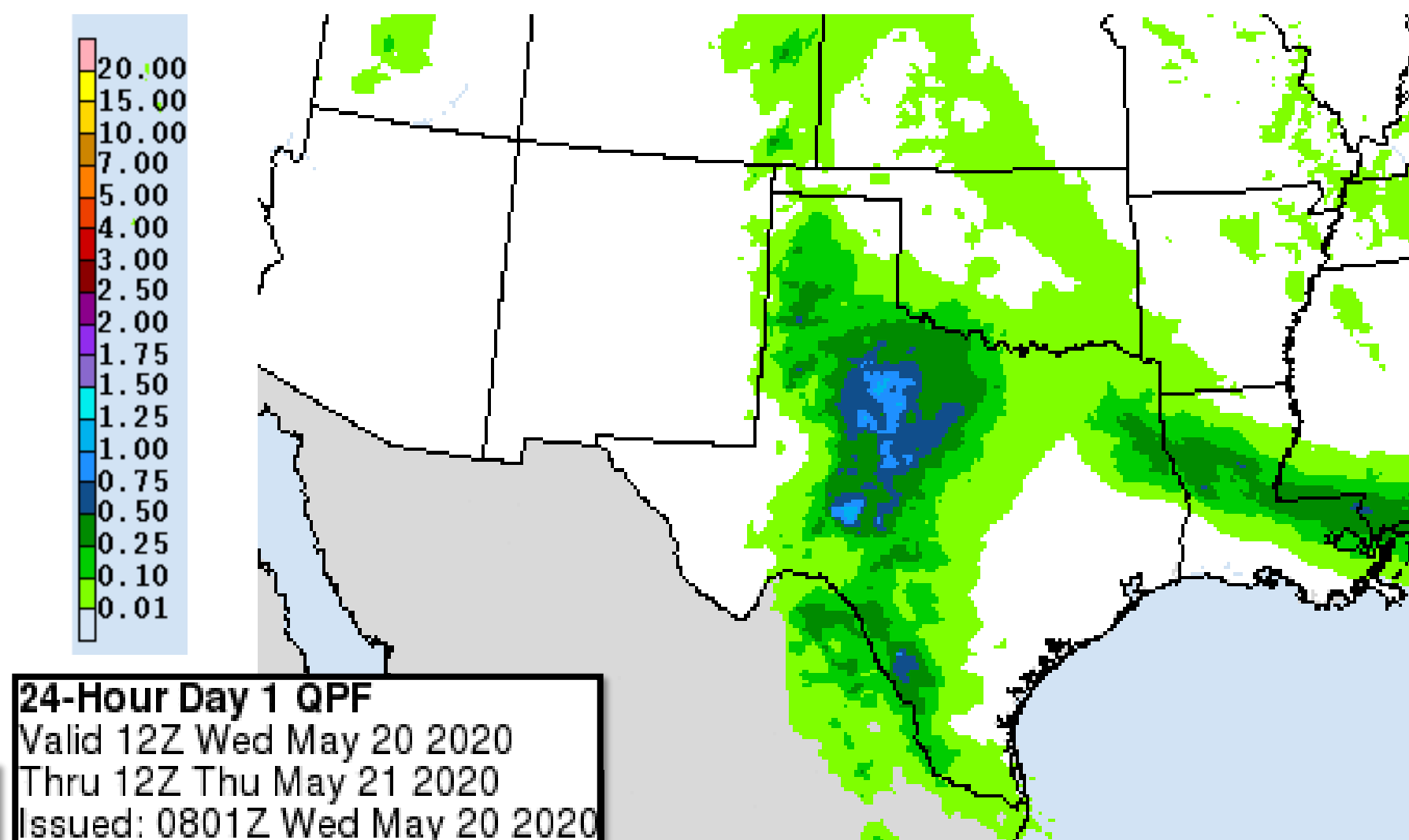


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Forecast Chart



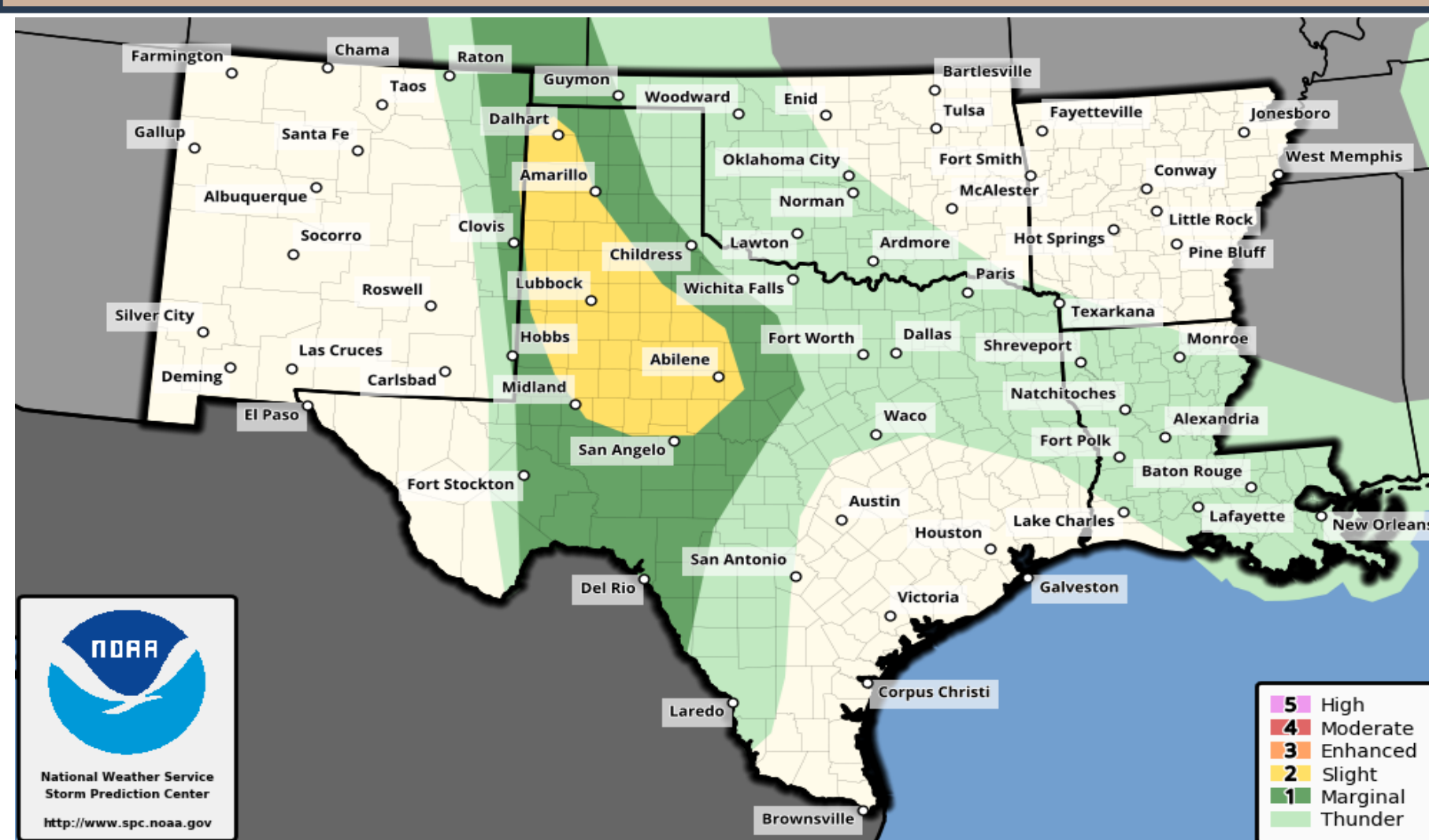
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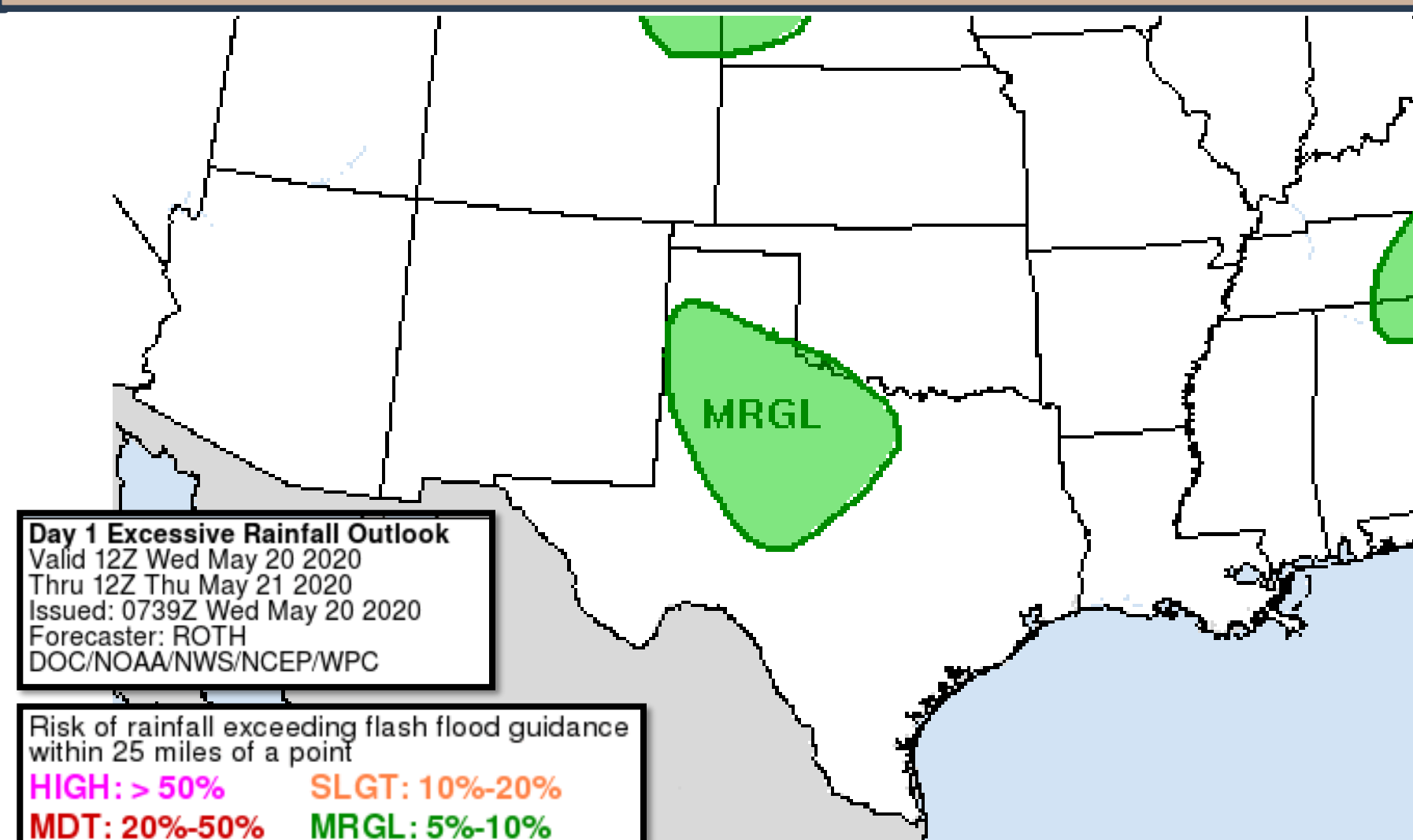
Severe thunderstorms across the TX Panhandle into WTX. Damaging winds and large hail are the main threats.

Marginal risk of excessive rainfall across parts of TX. Isolated heavy rainfall/flash flooding may occur.

Severe Weather Outlook



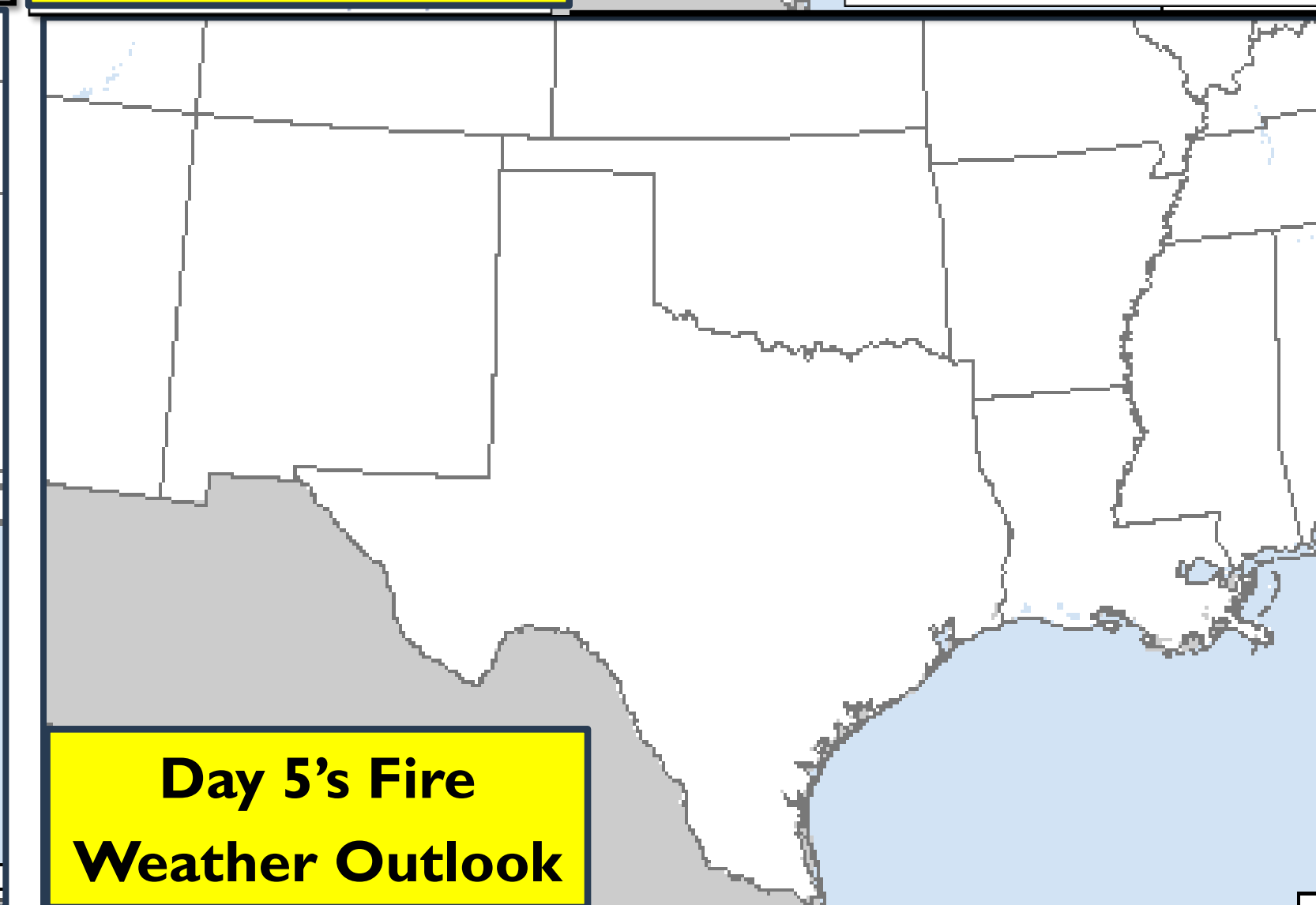
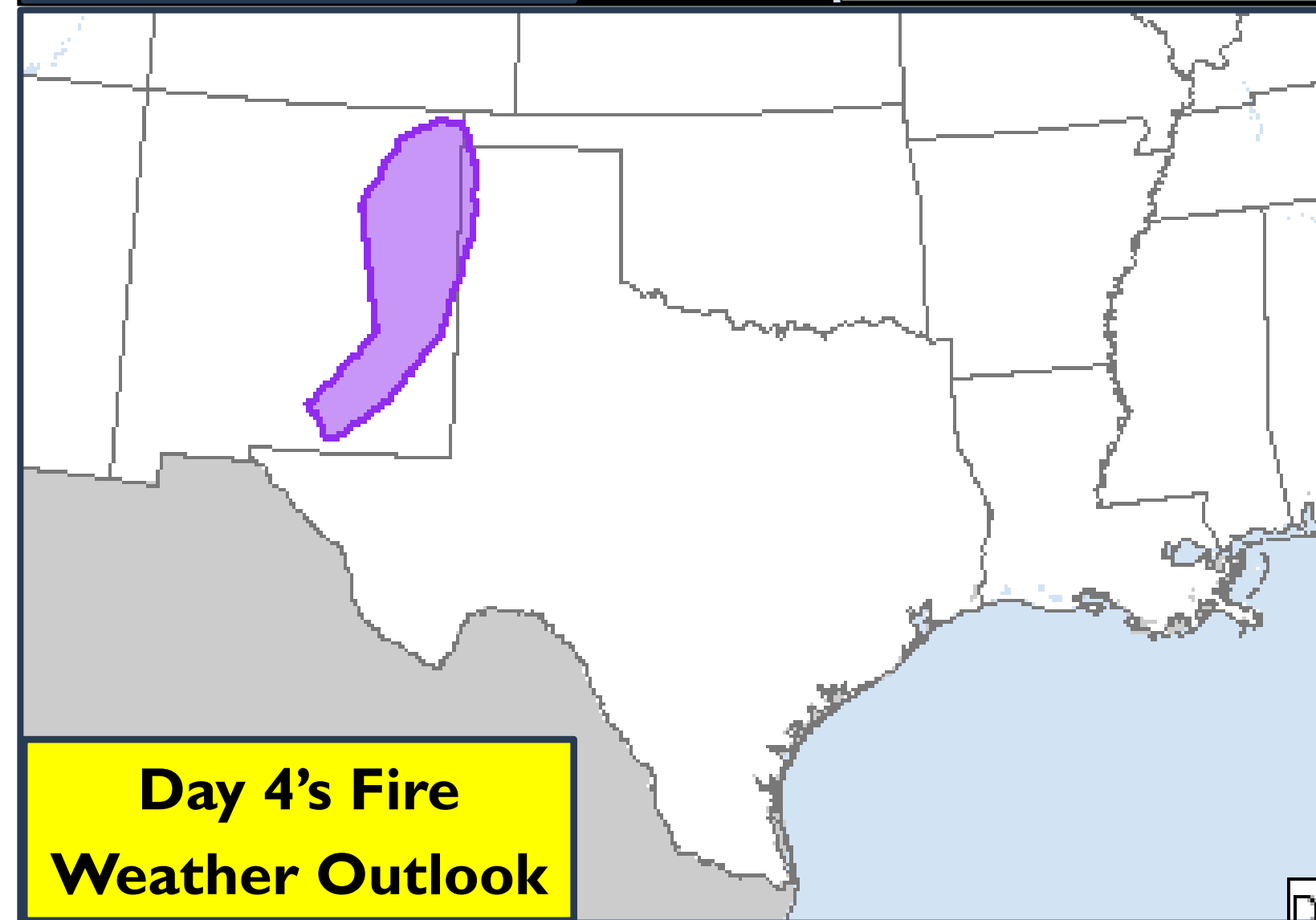
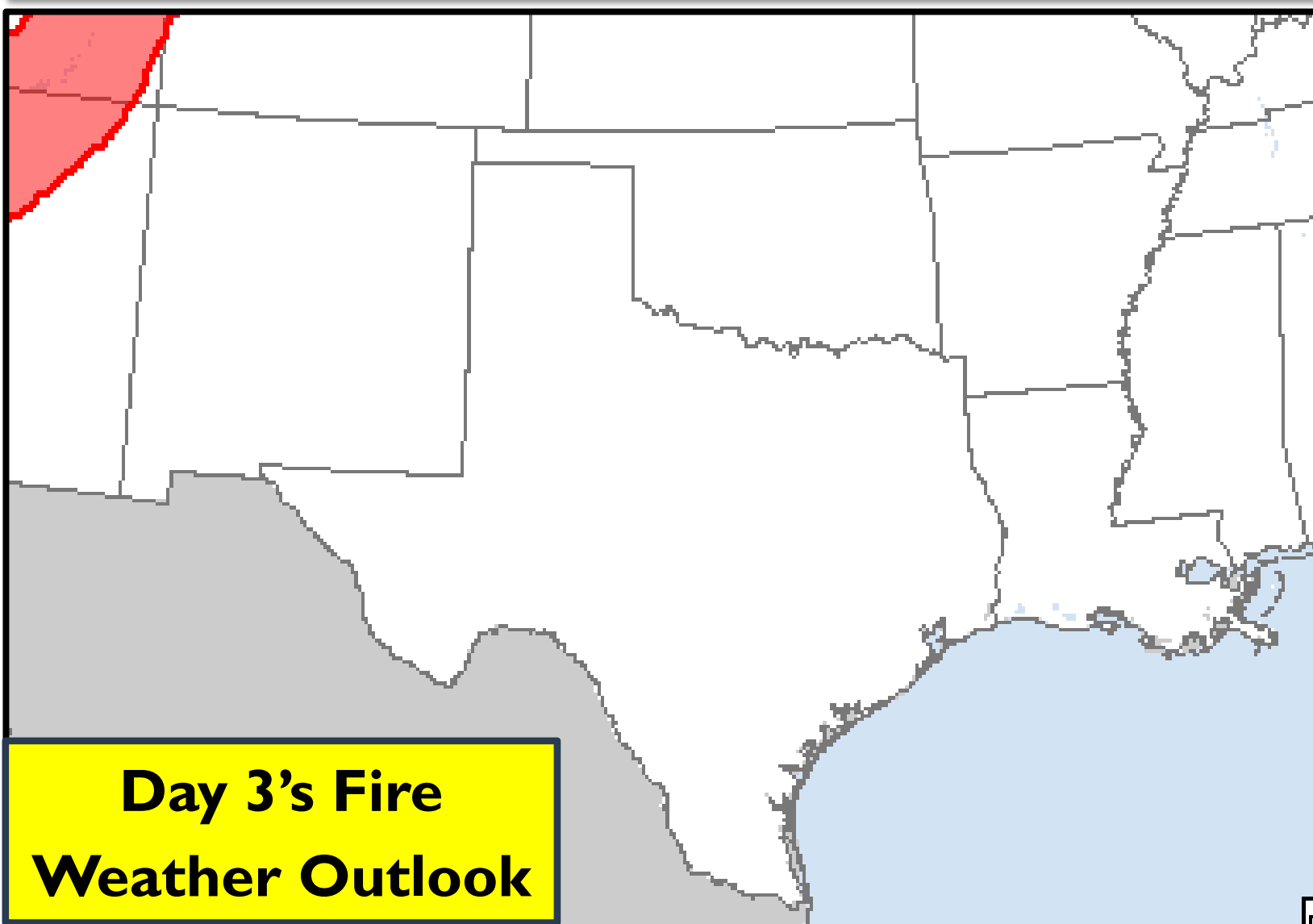
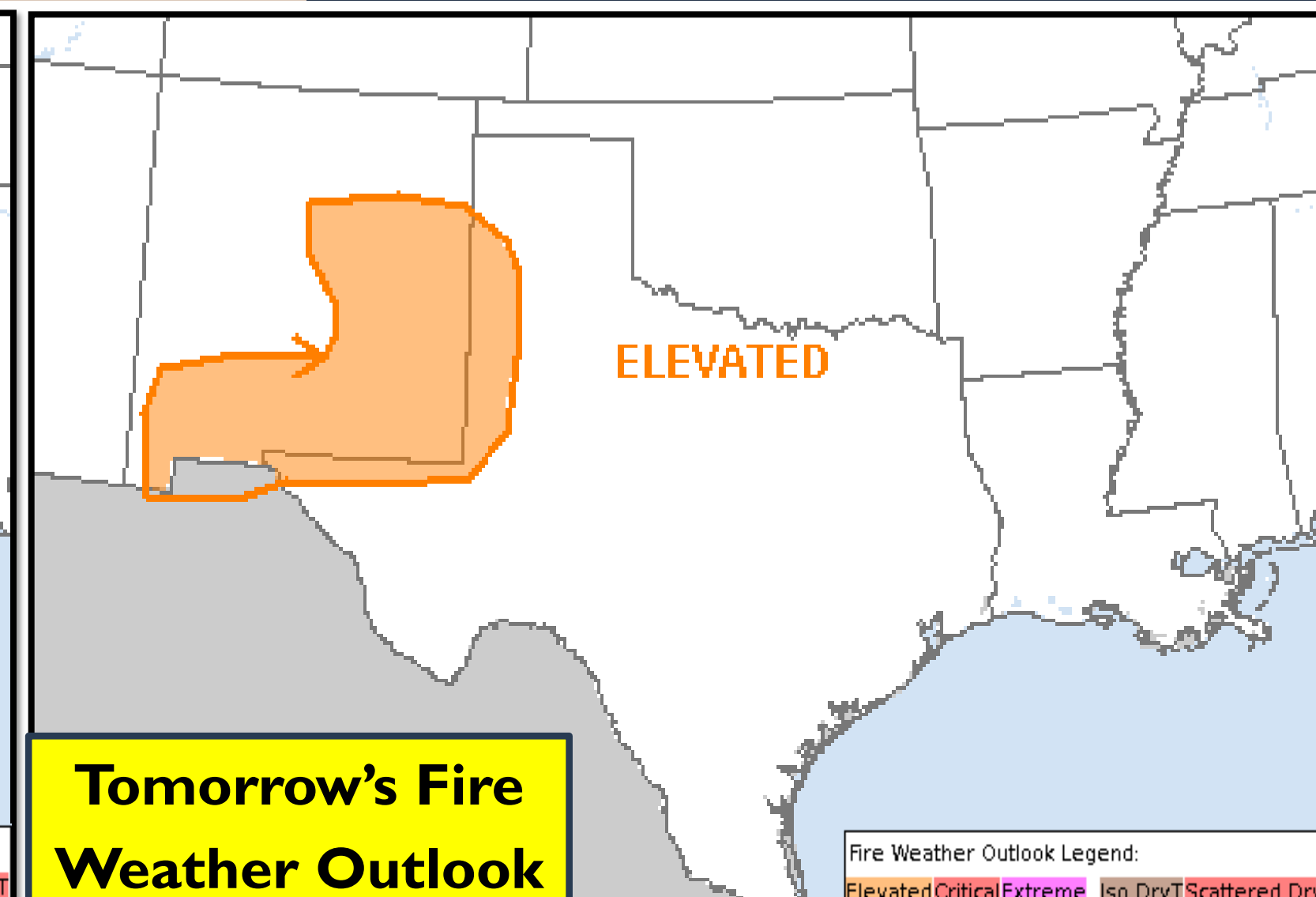
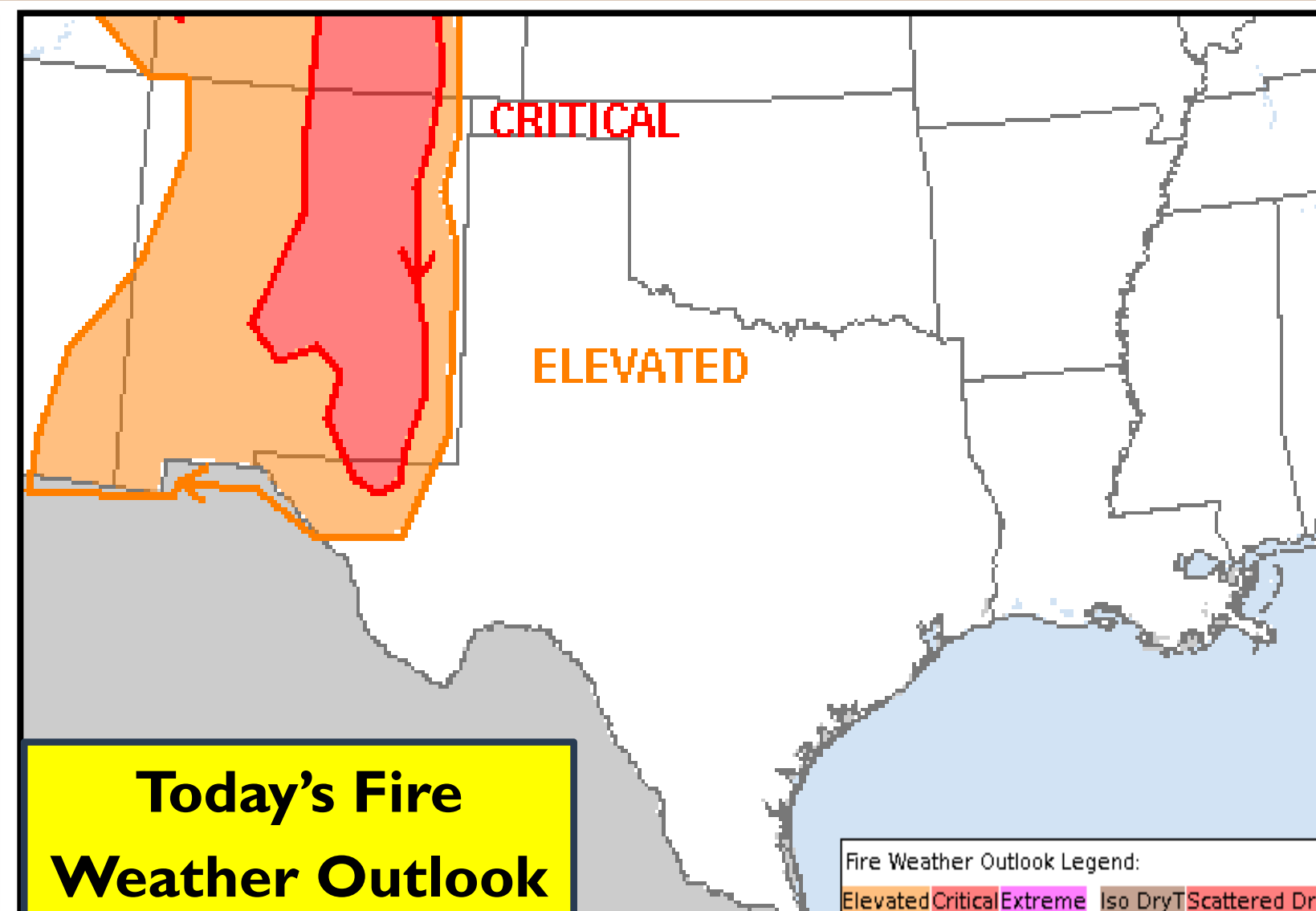
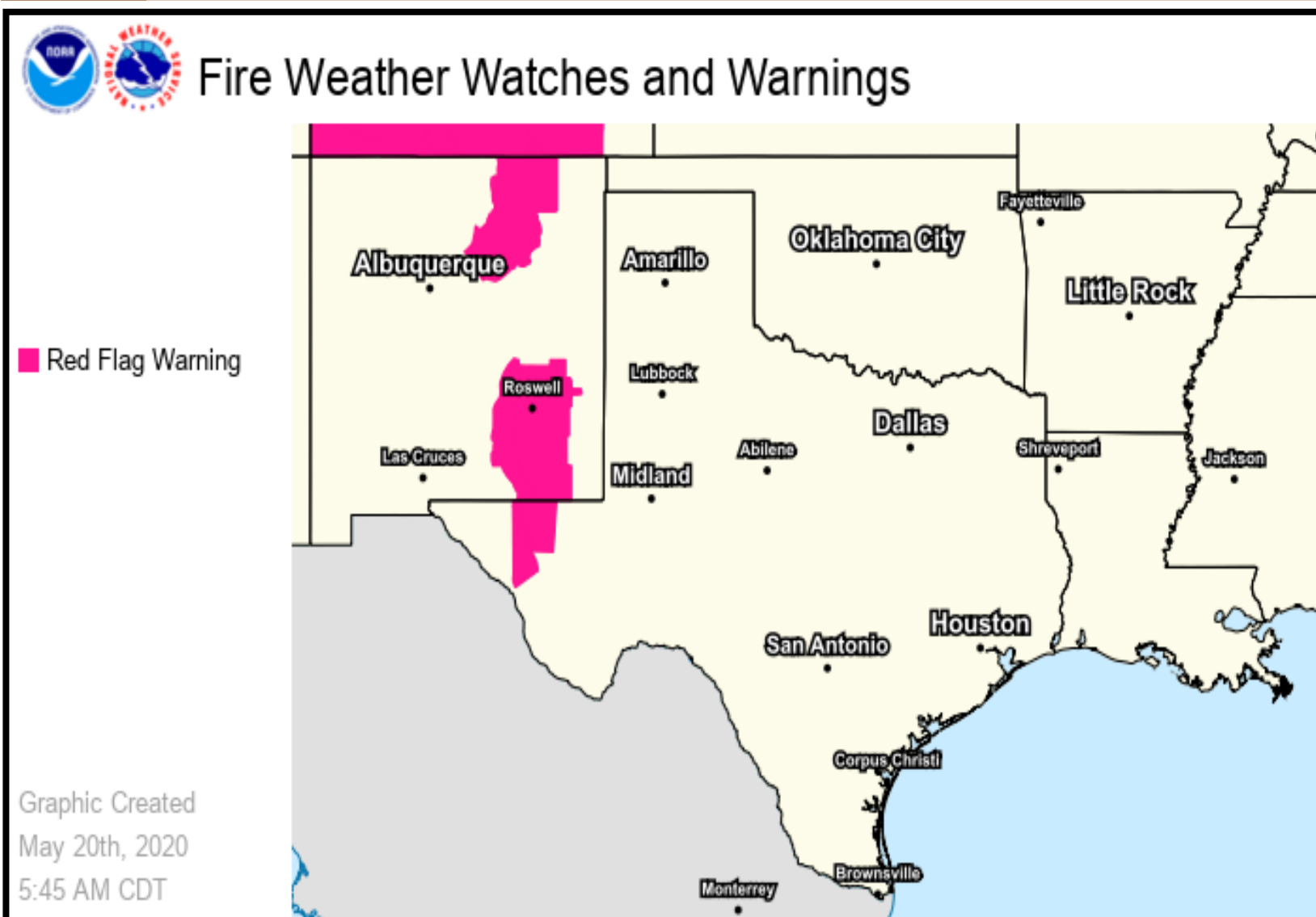
Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Fire Weather Outlooks



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Note: Days 3-5 only highlight Critical areas

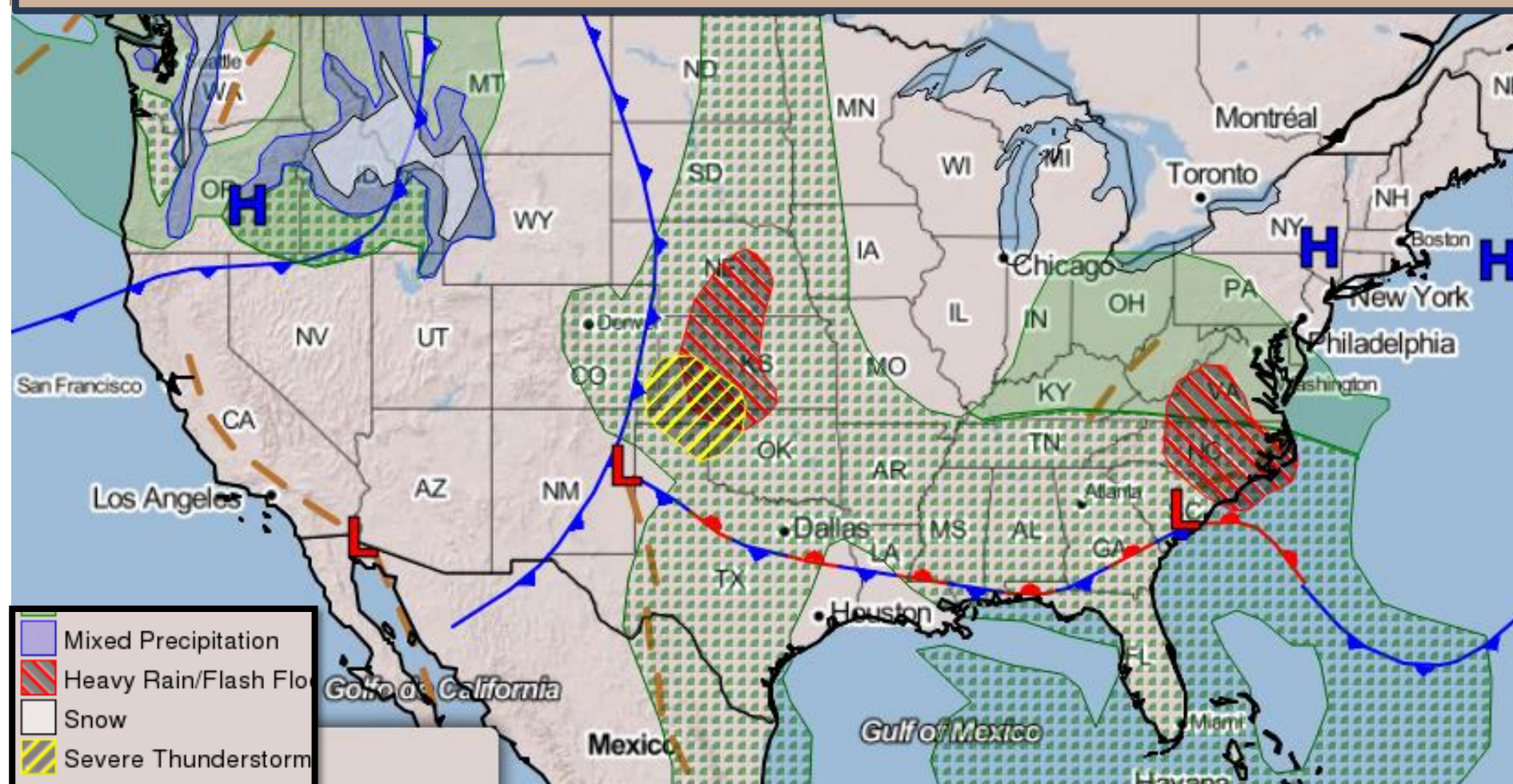
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Tomorrow's Weather



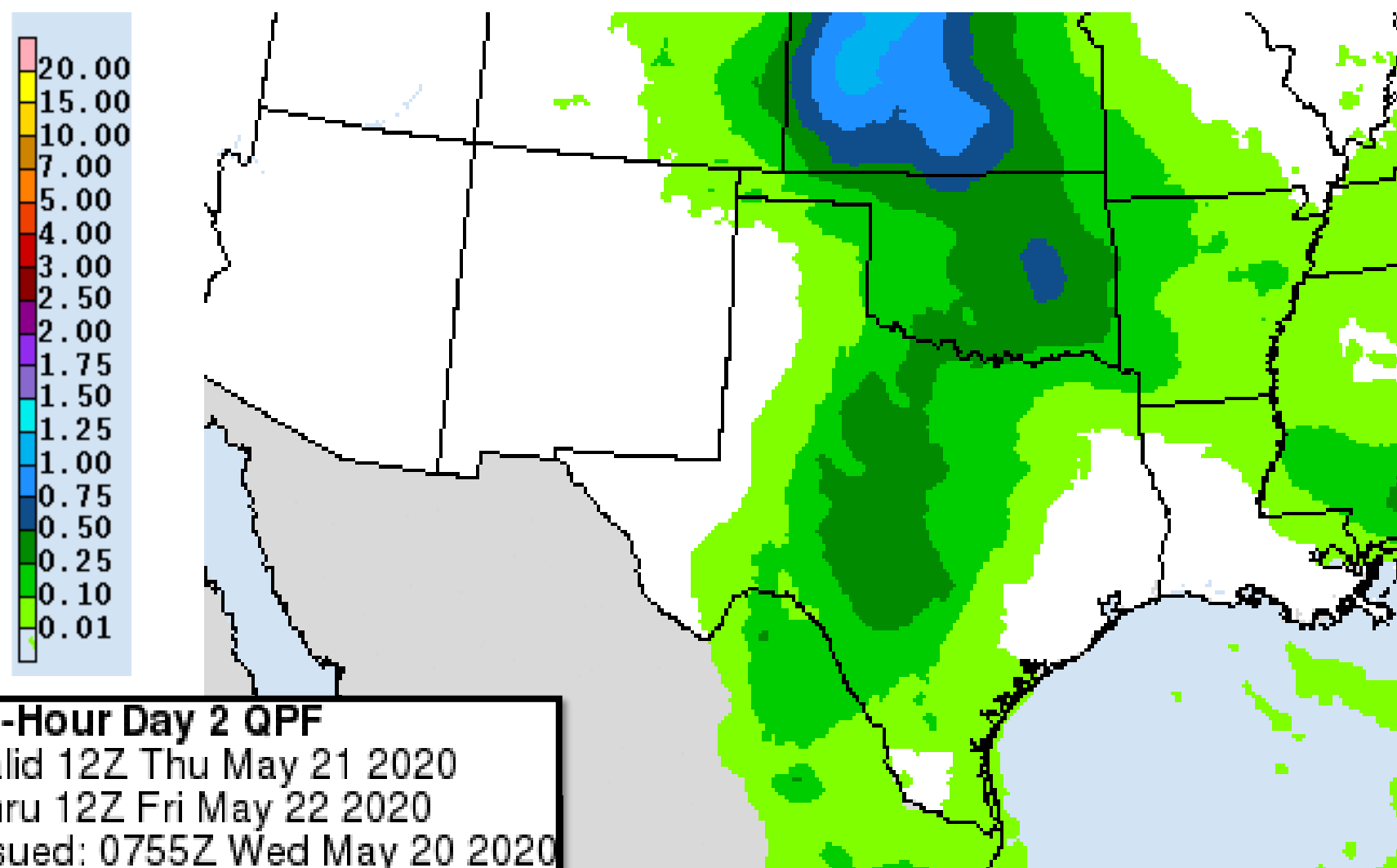
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Forecast Chart



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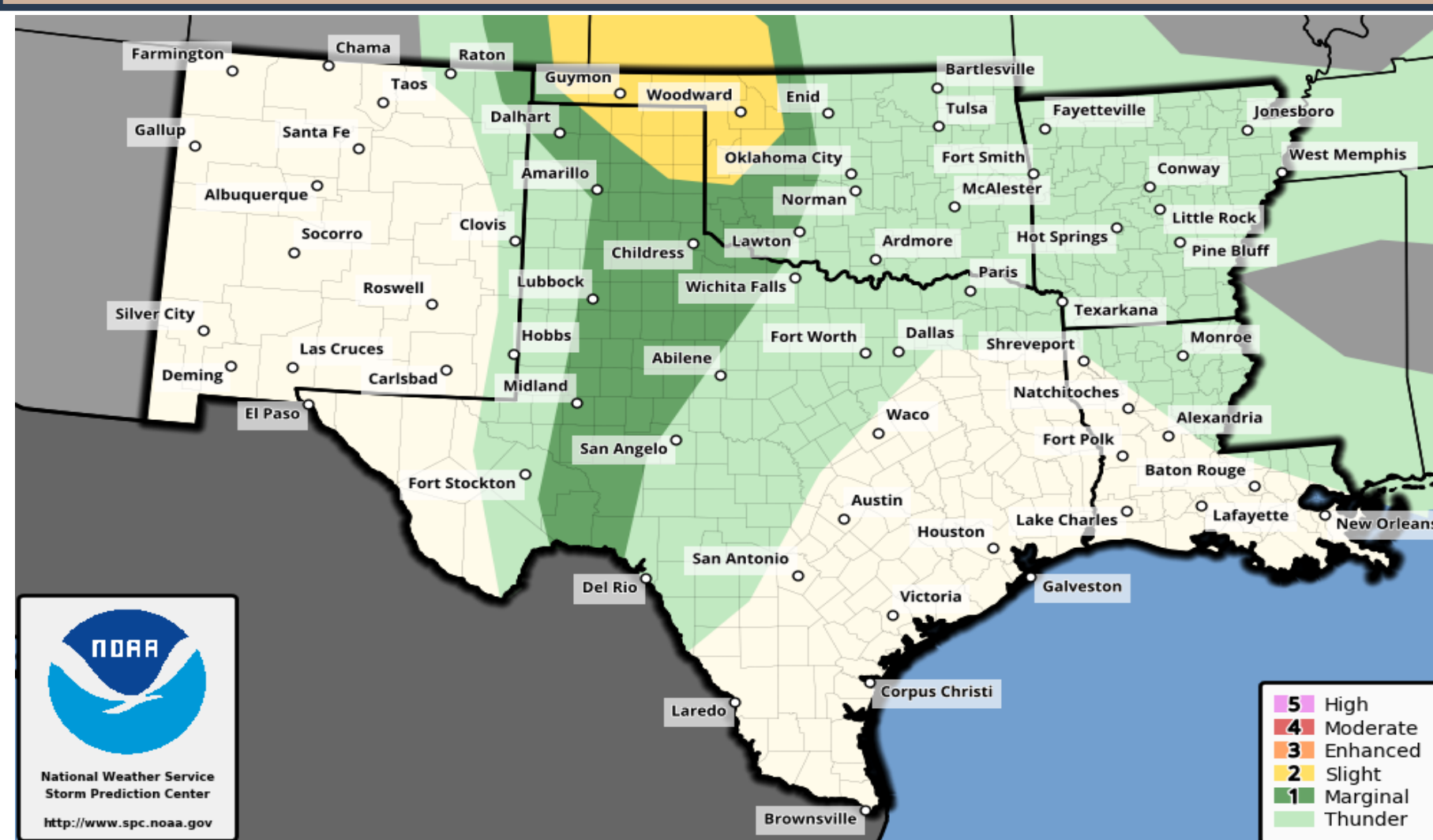
Forecast Rainfall



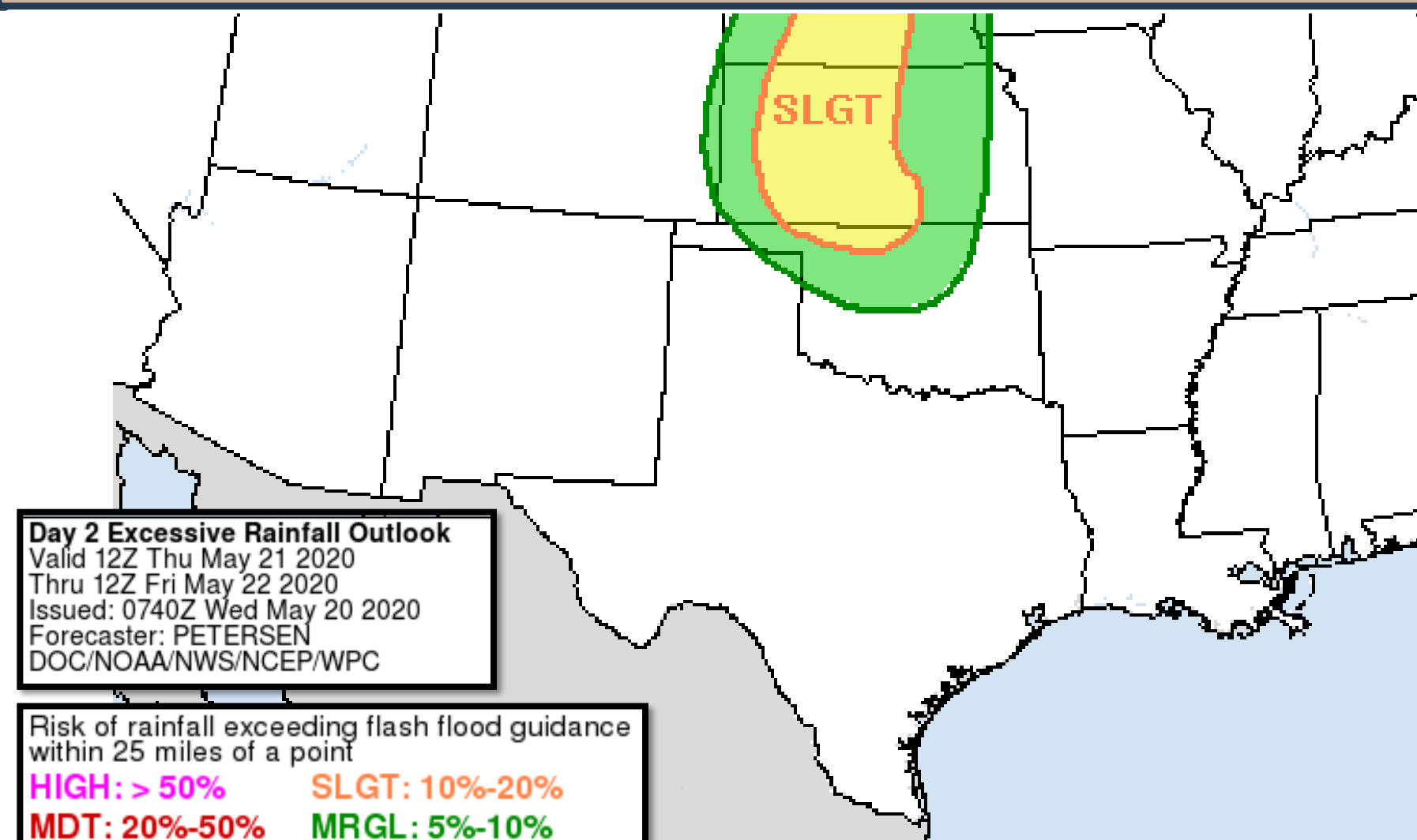
Severe storms across the TX/OK Panhandles into NW OK. Damaging winds and large hail are the main threats.

Slight risk of excessive rainfall across N OK. Potential exists for heavy rainfall and flash flooding.

Severe Weather Outlook

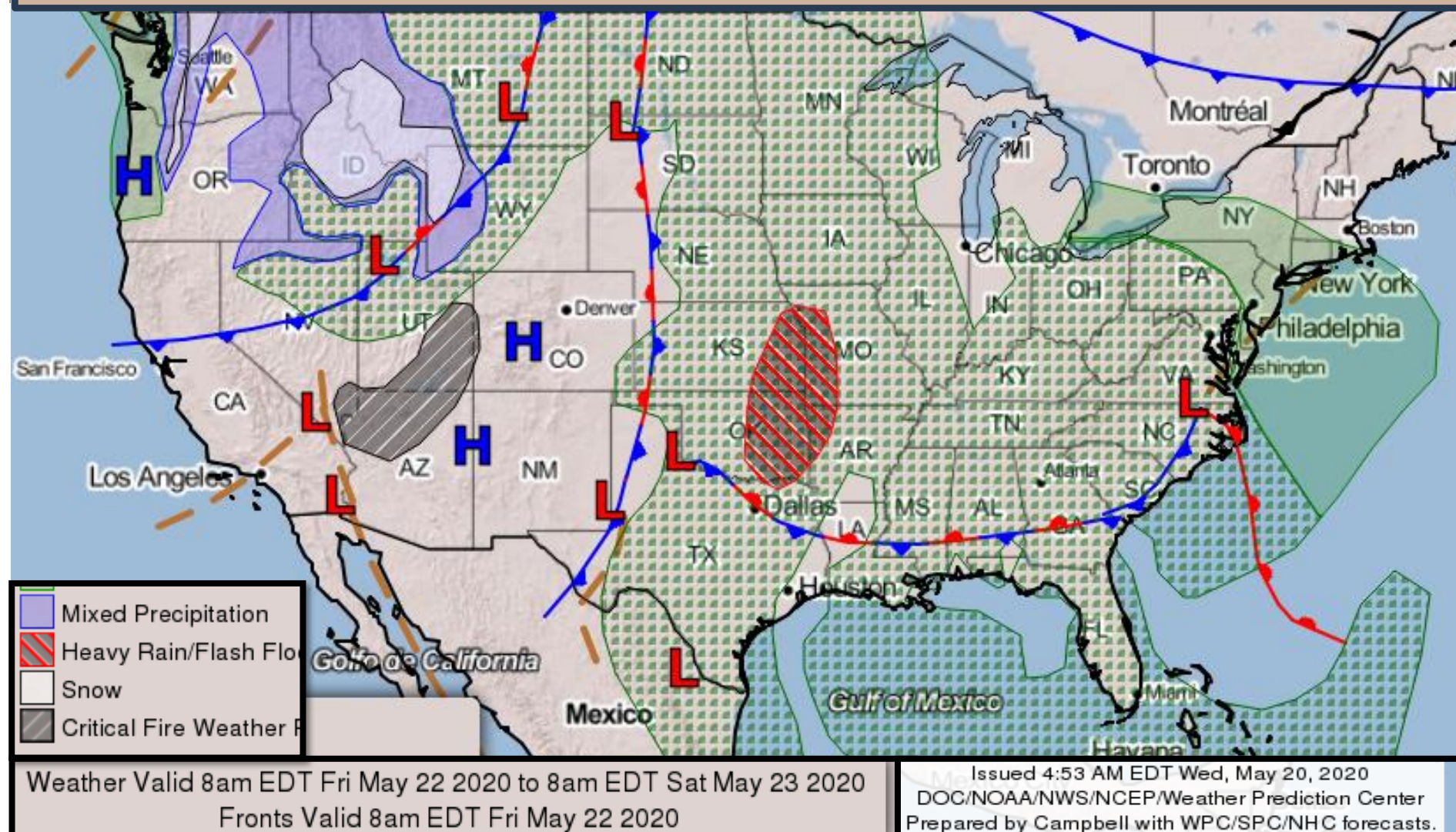


Excessive Rainfall Outlook

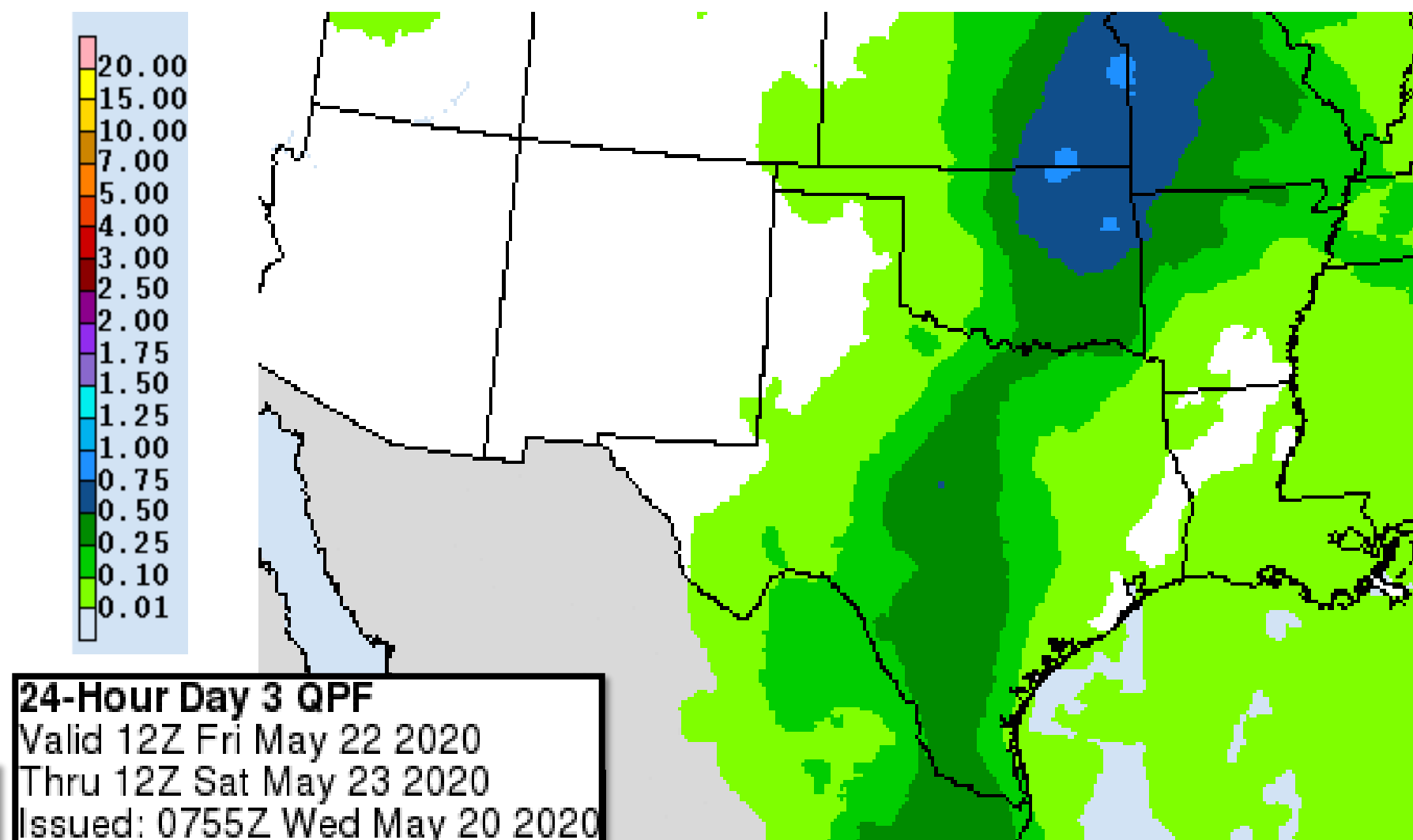


Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

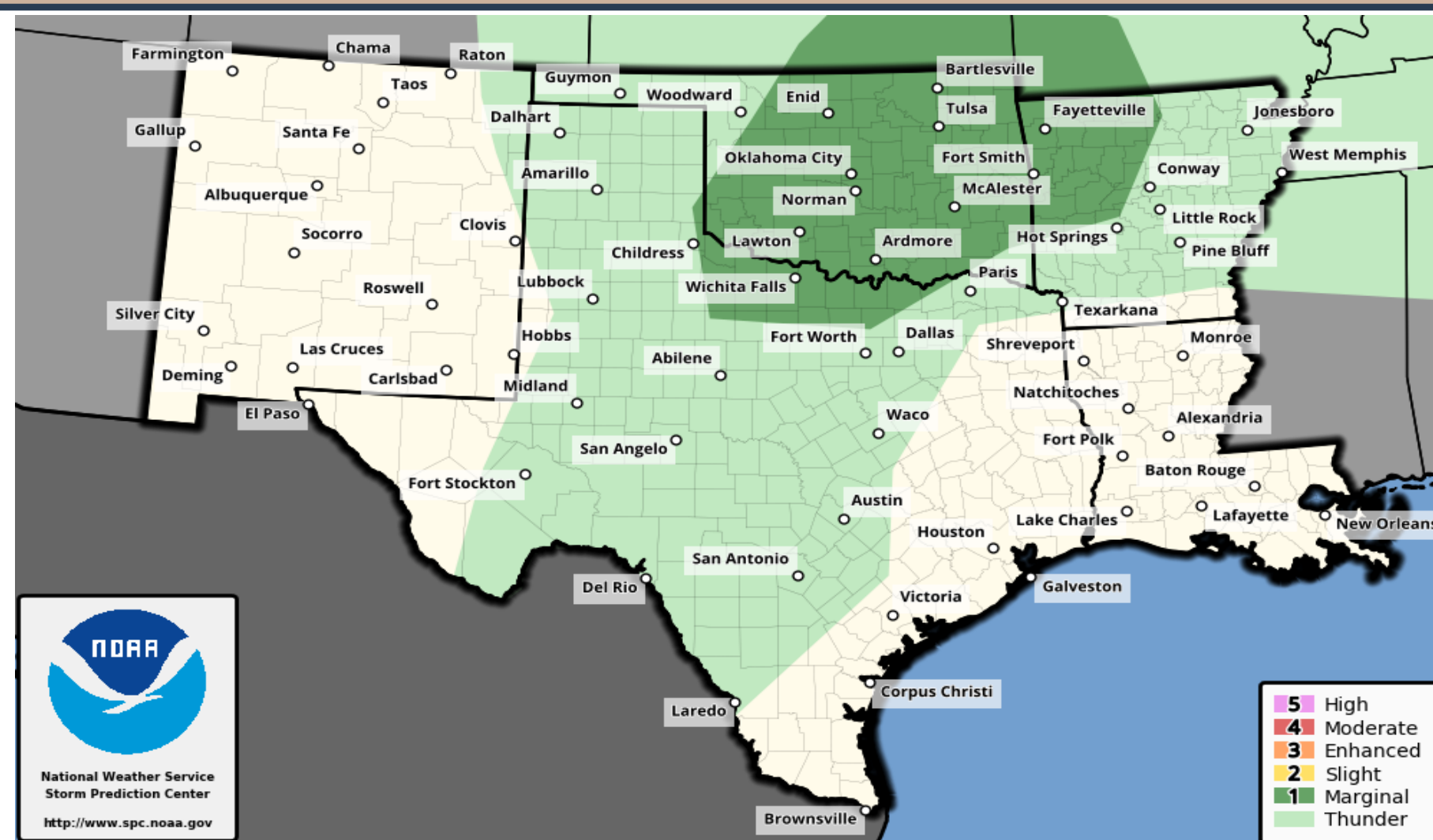


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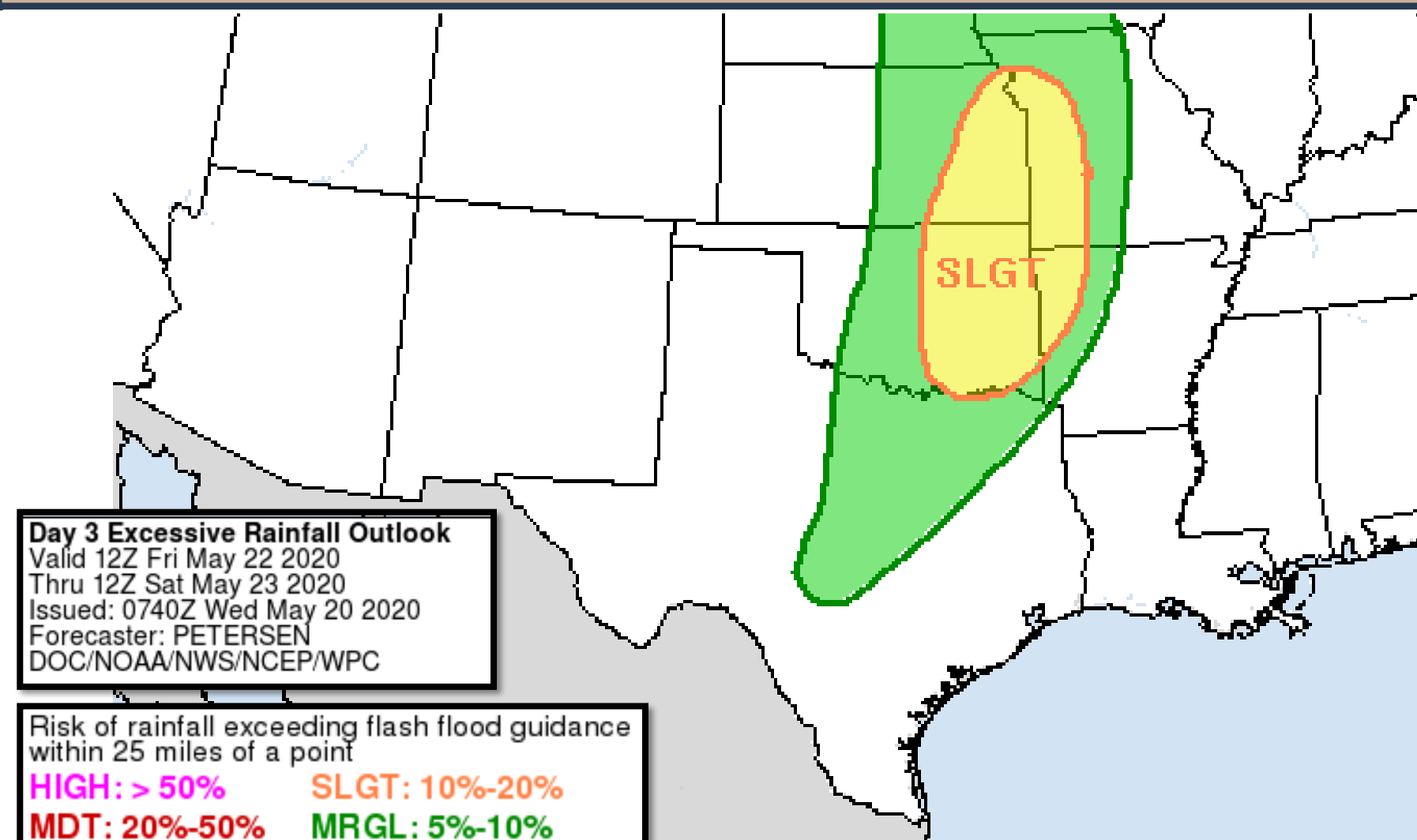
Heavy rainfall and flash flooding across E OK/W AR.

Isolated strong to severe storms across NTX/OK/W AR.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

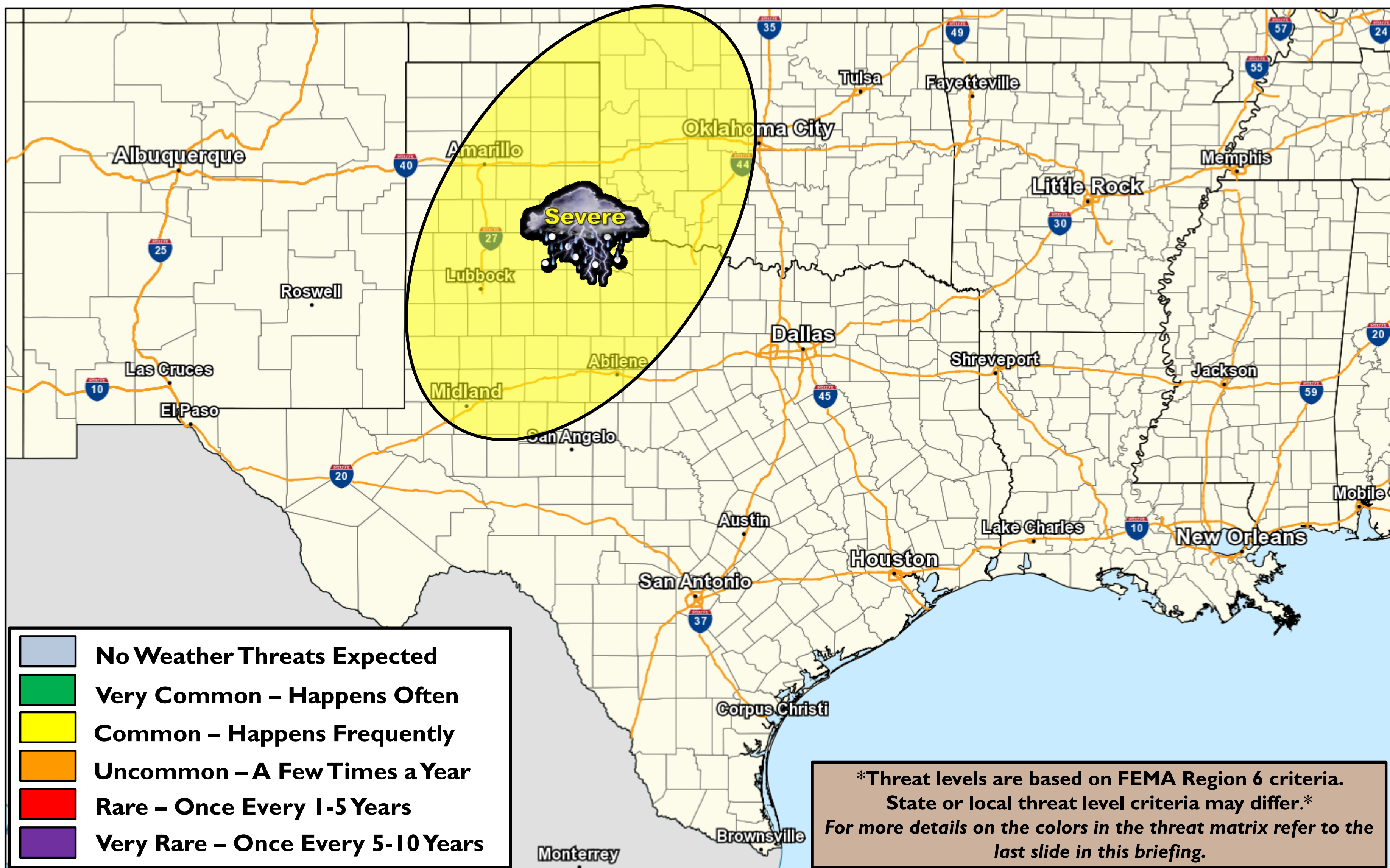
Saturday - Sunday



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Severe storms across the TX/OK Panhandle/W TX/OK this weekend.

Isolated heavy rainfall and flash flooding across NW TX/OK on Sunday.

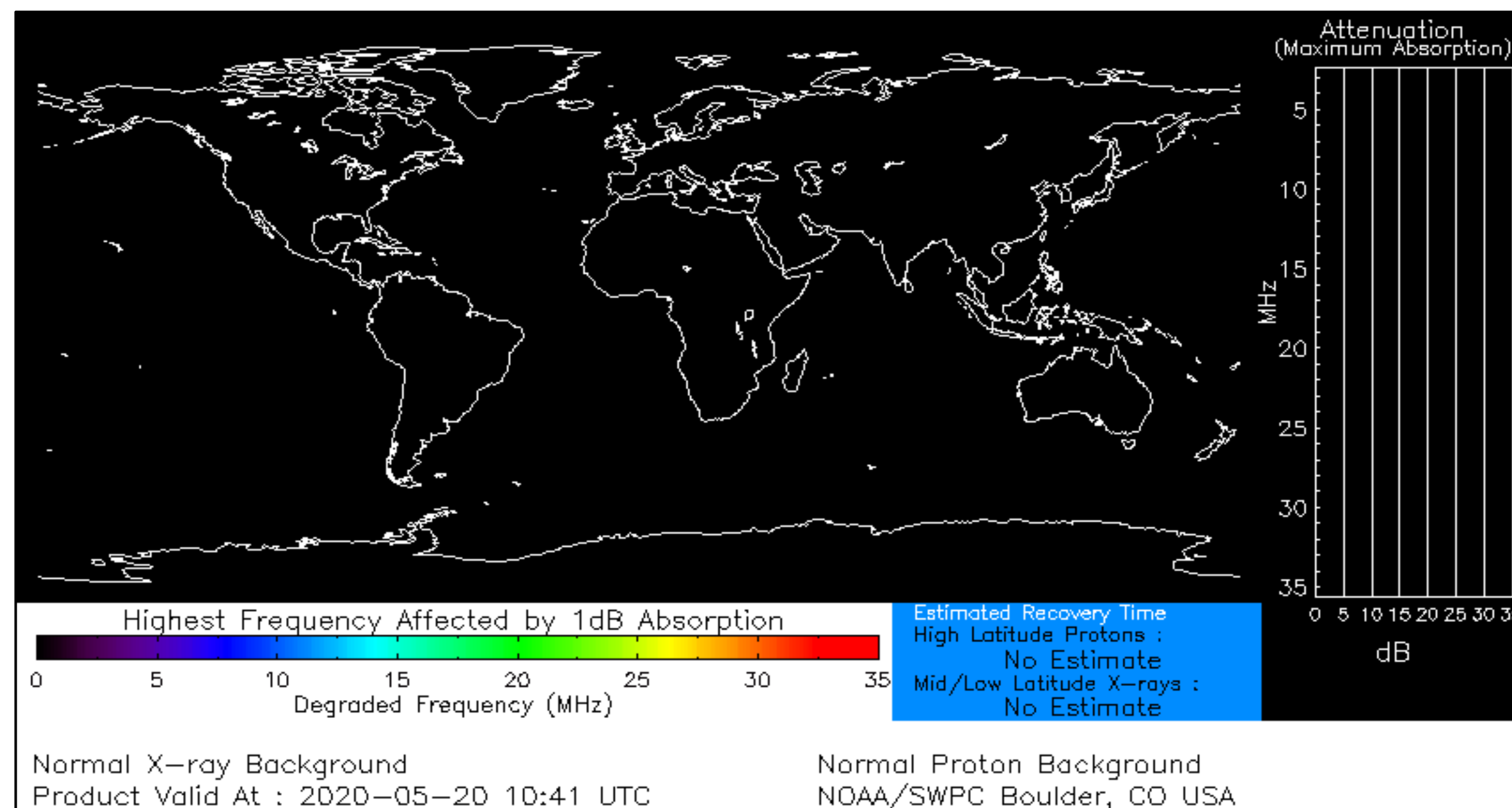


Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



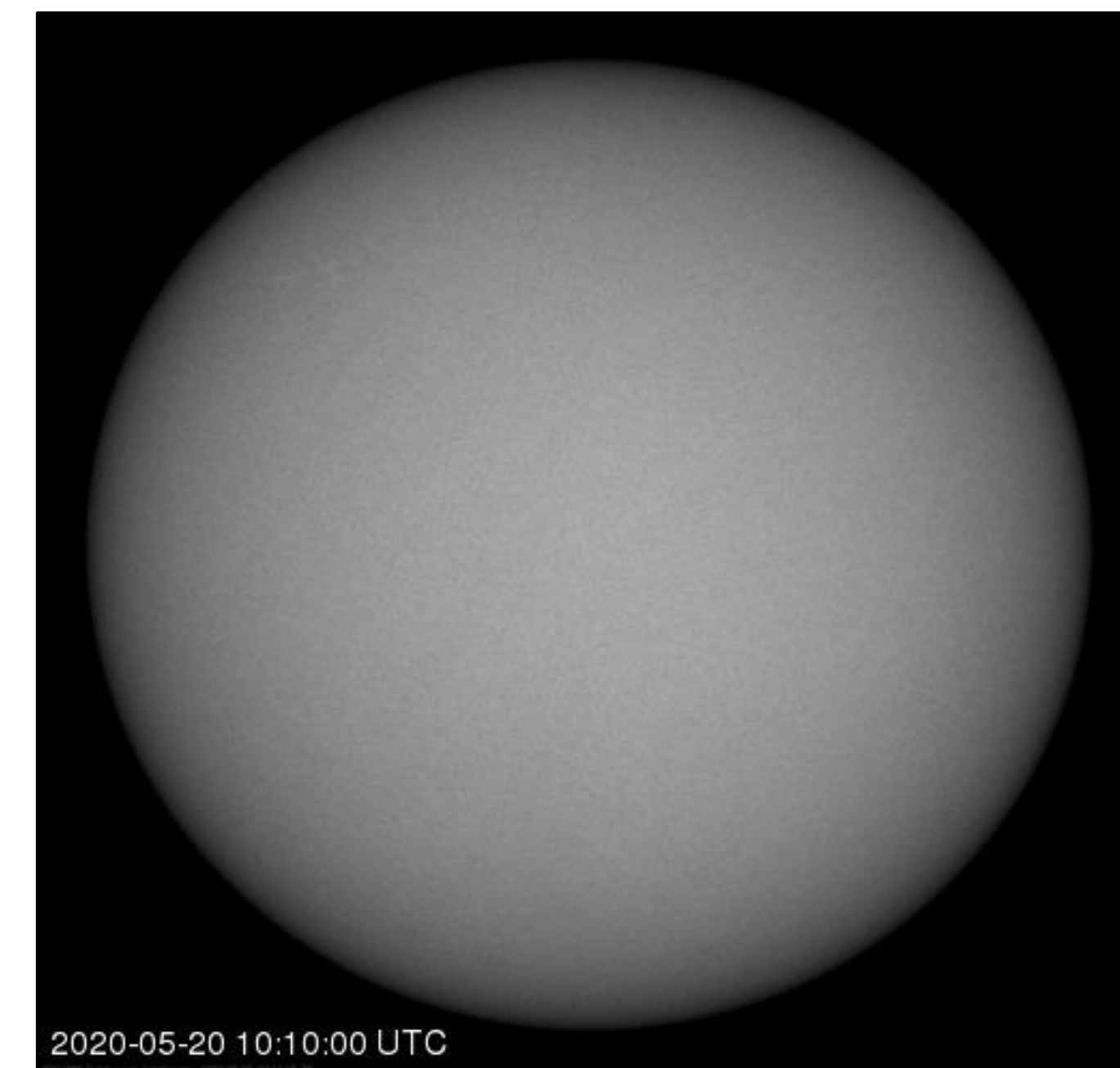
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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